

PANNILL ON THE STAND.

He Tells How He "Killed" Checks and Overdrew His Account at the Bank.

HE MAKES AN ADDRESS TO THE JURY.

The Lynchburg Court Room Crowded Yesterday.—Mrs. Pannill Present.—Prosecution (loses its Case).

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 25.—Special.

The Pannill case opened this morning with the usual large crowd in the courtroom. Mrs. Pannill, the wife of the accused, who has been sick for some days past, appeared in court for the first time. Mr. James T. Bowman, teller of the National Exchange Bank, on which institution some of the checks of Pannill were drawn, was called in by the prosecution. He was examined and sworn, and then testified that he had never been authorized to extend to Pannill any favors out of the ordinary run of business. Captain R. H. Adams was also called in by the prosecution. He testified that he had never been authorized to extend to Pannill any favors out of the ordinary run of business. Captain R. H. Adams was also called in by the prosecution. He testified that he had never been authorized to extend to Pannill any favors out of the ordinary run of business.

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THE PRISONER'S EXPLANATION.

The principal witness for the defense was Pannill himself. He said he was twenty-eight years of age, and had resided in Lynchburg ten years. He had moved his account to the First National Bank about 1892 at the request of a Mr. Las Strapes, who was then a bookkeeper there. He had known Mr. Pannill for three and one-half years intimately. He had only kept a very small account there, and commissions aggregated about \$10 a month. Did not remember the exact date he first became indebted to the First National Bank. He had visited Pannill after the discovery of his check, and had not having any actual cash, he sent Mr. Pannill a check with the request that it be held until he could arrange to pay it. Pannill said that he had never seen the check, and did not know how his account stood.

WORKLESS CHECKS USED.

He would in a lot of checks and let them stay there as an evidence of his indebtedness to the bank. He said that he had no money, and was hoping in this way to keep it aloft until he could arrange to pay it. When the checks came to a certain age he would be notified by Mr. Pannill, and he would then place them by new checks and sometimes take them up with the cash. He never knew that these transactions were without the knowledge of the bank officers, but supposed they knew of them and it was done with their sanction. He knew that he did not get all the money he was charged with, and did not know how his account stood at the bank, having left the entire matter to Mr. Pannill and trusted implicitly in everything Mr. Pannill told him. He did not know anything about the check, and never dreamed he was short.

ON BEING CROSS-EXAMINED, he stated that he had no knowledge of bookkeeping, and did not know how his account stood at the bank. He had been very much worried at the amount of his alleged indebtedness, but thought whatever Mr. Pannill said it was right. He insisted, however, that he had never gotten as much from the bank as \$500.

HE ADMITS THE DEED.

When his examination was completed he addressed the jury before taking his seat in the following words: "I just want to say that I have been working for my own living since I was fourteen years of age, and during that time have held positions of trust and handled probably hundreds of thousands of dollars of other people's money, and I have never been accused of doing anything that I thought was wrong."

His voice was husky and he could hardly retain his composure during this brief speech. The defense here announced that their evidence was all in and the court adjourned until to-morrow.

A STRANGER'S SAD DEATH.

Henry Craddock's End at Newport News. Fireman's Convention.

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It is truly an unfortunate affair, as the husband is a man of excellent family, and stands well in the estimation of the community. He has many friends both here and at Barboursville.

Mrs. Levens, of this place, who has been extremely ill, is now convalescing, and her daughter, Mrs. A. Noble, is also recovering from her illness.

It is thought the fruit crop, which has been held in check by the continued cold weather, will be a full one this year.

The farmers who have had but little opportunity to get their spring work under way are busily engaged in making every nerve to make up lost time.

CAPTAIN MOORMAN'S REMAINS.

Arrive in Roanoke.—Attempt to Poison a Whole Family.

ROANOKE, VA., March 25.—Special.—The remains of Captain R. B. Moorman arrived to-night from Stafford Springs, Miss., and were taken to the residence of his son-in-law, George S. Luck, who will probably take place Wednesday at Salem, though no definite arrangements have been made.

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SWANSON'S GOOD POINT.

HE SCORES ONE ON THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Daniels, of Raleigh, Presented With a Silver Service—Remarks About an Appointment for Ex-Senator Butler, of S. C.

TIMES BUREAU, RALEIGH BUILDING, WASHINGTON, March 25, 1895.

The announcement of the death of Lycurgus Dalton, postmaster of the House of Representatives, was made public this morning. Mr. Dalton was from Indiana, a man of very small stature, but of great personal magnetism and genial social qualities. He was opposed at the beginning of this Congress by the late Dr. James R. Fisher, of Richmond, who was exceedingly popular with the members of Congress. The death of Mr. Dalton will leave a vacancy in the office of postmaster of the House until the meeting of the next Congress. This is an elective office, and cannot be filled until the organization of the Fifty-fourth Congress. In the interim the assistant postmaster will continue the duties of the office.

Professor Fancher, who has his marine band, left here last night for Norfolk. The band has been granted the privilege of a southern tour, as Sousa and other leaders have had, and will undoubtedly make a great success. The first concert will be given in Norfolk on the Hampton Roads March, which has never been printed, but when published will be dedicated to Miss Mary Sherry on her death, and accomplished piece of Mrs. Geo. Booker, of Old Point. This number has been officially put in the Richmond program, and will be given by Professor Fancher as an encore.

MR. SWANSON'S POINT.

Congressman Swanson had rather an exciting time at the departments this morning. The young Virginian has been exceedingly active for some time, and will be long remembered as the only member-elect who landed a \$50,000 consignment, as he did with Hon. William T. Townsend shortly after Mr. Cleveland's inauguration. Mr. Swanson has been prominent in the executive officials, and this morning was told that he could not have the appointment. A score of ex-members and official referred to the achievements of the legislative branch, Mr. Swanson, with marked emphasis, and amid much shouting, that the gathered throng, decided that the executive branch had only maintained a parity with the legislative department, in that they promised much and performed little. "After all, Mr. Secretary," said little Swanson, "it is but the ratio of 16 to 16." He was with even, the sixteen promises he refused to make one clerk. The laugh went round, but the Secretary did not smile, and Swanson has yet another clerk put up for this clerk, and he will probably do it.

Mon. Smith's Turner arrived here this morning, and returned to his home to attend to his business. His visit was entirely unproductive, as no case could be found against the man placed more than once on the official ballot. To test the constitutionality of the act, A. T. T. who was nominated for Congress in the third district by three different conventions, asked the Supreme Court to declare the act unconstitutional, and a candidate for office, where he received the nomination from more than one source, should be allowed to stand on what ticket he would run. Failing to do so, his name would be placed on the ticket of the man who had been elected. The act was declared unconstitutional, and the man placed more than once on the official ballot.

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